

**CHAPTER NO. 139**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1386**

**By Representatives Hargett, Boyer**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1663**

**By Senators Person, Clabough**

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Sections 68-3-302 and 68-3-305 relative to the registration of birth certificates.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-302(a) is amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

When a birth occurs in an institution or en route thereto, the person in charge of the institution or such person's designated representative shall obtain the data required by the certificate, prepare the certificate, certify that the child was born alive at the place and time and on the date stated either by signature or by an approved electronic process, and file the certificate with the office of vital records or as otherwise directed by the state registrar within the required ten(10) days.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-302(b) is amended by deleting the existing language in its entirety and substituting instead the following:  
The physician in attendance shall provide the medical information required by the certificate to the institution's designated representative within seventy-two (72) hours after the birth.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-3-302(c) is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by renumbering the subsequent subsections appropriately.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 23, 2001

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April 2001

  
DON CONQUIST, GOVERNOR